

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2015, AT TOWN HALL, AT 7:45 P.M.**

Present: Joei Grudzinski, Chairman; Ed Butt, Rob Blick, Renee J. Santiago.

Dennis DiPinto, Director; Elaine Rajcula, Secretary.

Absent: Mike Ferand, Bryan Chnowski, Sara Kincade.

Minutes of Meeting March 25, 2015, were approved as read by R. Blick, seconded by Ed Butt. Passed.

Recreation Supervisor's Report – Mary Knox – D. DiPinto stated registration has begun for all Spring & Summer programs. Interviews for camp counselors, lifeguards and beach attendants will be held shortly. The Counselors In Training Program has been adjusted to accommodate ages 14 and 15 year olds. The Concert in the Park series will begin Friday, June 19th.

Parks Supervisor's Report – D. DiPinto will look into sending out a reminder with dog license renewals administered by the Town Clerks office) of the current ordinance in Town which requires dog owners to have all dogs on a leash or firmly in control when on any public property. R. Blick stated he would like to have notices stating same on all the buildings and areas that are not posted. D. DiPinto reports that the Parks Department has begun cutting grass at various sites in Town. J. Grudzinski is concerned about black ticks. D. DiPinto stated Happy Landing, Town Hall perimeter and school grounds will be sprayed if the budget allows.

Phases 1 & 2 Parks – D. DiPinto met with the architect and MBC concerning the Cadigan Park punch list items still remaining. Main items include some drainage outside of the synthetic fields; fine grading needs to be done; turf establishment on spot areas and tennis and basketball court resurfacing due to delamination. In the meantime the tennis courts are locked and cannot be used until work on the courts is completed. A plan to complete the work is still pending from the contractor. **Phase 2** Town Beach is advancing at a faster rate now that the weather has finally broken. As of now the goal remains to open the boat launch on Memorial Day weekend and the Beach operation on June 20. **Phase 3** The BOS have approved the contractor for this phase at their last meeting. The Cadigan Park buildings, pavilion and hard-scape will begin next week. The plan is to replace the pavilion and comfort station and renovate the concession/storage building to match the building on the beach side. DCA Architects and the MBC have been but a solid team throughout these three phases of construction. The restrooms will now be handicap accessible when complete. If there is room in the budget, the Director would like to discuss the possibility of widening some of the gravel parking area in an effort to gain some more suitable parking.

Greenway Update – D. DiPinto – Six bids opened on April 15. The low bid is within 10% of the engineering estimate. He has met with the State to begin the review process which could take up to a couple of weeks before an apparent low bidder is announced. He will send the Commissioners the itemized breakdown of the bids of all six bidders. He is hoping for State approval within six to eight weeks.

Parks & Recreation Commission Elections – It was agreed to hold over election of officers until the next meeting.

Adjournment – A motion made by E. Butt, seconded by R. Santiago, to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. Passed.

The next meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission will be held on Wednesday, May 27, 2015.

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